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OPENS DOOR OF HOPE!

Gov. Hodges Gives Colored Nurses a Chance!

First Time in the History of the State Colored Girls are Given a Chance in State Institutions ... Governor Declares They Have Made Good.

(By A. D. GRIFFIN.)

The For the first time in the history of Kansas, the colored nurses and attendants have been given an opportunity to make good in the state institutions. Here is an avenue that has been closed against the girls of the Negro race, since the founding of these institutions. Kansas has always been styled the "land of the free and home of the brave," but

However, the year 1914, marked the dawning of a new era. A brave manly man—one who believes in giving each and all a chance in the race of life, is steering the ship of state. And when the attention of Governor Geo. H. Hodges was directed to this fact by the colored citizens, he immediately took the matter up with the men in charge of these institutions, and in less than a month's time colored nurses and attendants were placed on trial at the State Hospital in Osawatomie, and to use the language of the Governor, and the members of the state board of control, "they have made good," in every respect despite the fact that there were many so-called friends of the race, who predicted failure

The young ladies at Osawatomie come from the best families in the state, and with the exception of one, all are graduates of the leading schools of nurse training, and each a graduate of some High School or college. They are the highest type of womanhood, love their chosen profession, and take pride in seeing how well they can perform, even the little things.

The following are the names of the young ladies, who are raising the standard of Negro worth in Kansas, and at the same time, tenderly caring for the state's unfortunates. They are kind hearted, Christian ladies and worthy of any trust that may be bestowed upon them:

Miss Lillian Hardwick, Leavenworth; Miss Lucile Morgan, Topeka; Miss Leona Hines, Lawrence; Miss Franklin, Salina; Miss Cleo Geraldine Morgan, Topeka.

In an interview with Governor Hodges, when asked as to how his experiment with the colored attendants at Osawatomie, among some of the things he said: "It's no longer an experiment. They have made good, and the Superintendent is highly pleased with their service, and I feel proud to have been able to thus, assist a struggling people. They are citizens and contribute to the state's tax fund, and I believe they should be given an equal opportunity along with other citizens of the state."

The above manly statement has always been Governor Hodges' watchword. Before he ever dreamed of entering the political arena, all men looked alike to him—white or black, prince or pauper, moral worth and true manhood was always recognized above all things, and if a colored man was capable, clean, upright and honorable, he could always find the door of hope ajar, when he applied to Geo. H. Hodges, and a willing hand to reach down and pull him up. He comes from a broad, liberal minded

family; a people whose religion centers on the uplift of the meek and lowly at our own doors.

Governor Hodges' fair manly dealing with his fellowman is the key to his phenomenal success in life. He is one of the most thorough business men in the West, even in politics, he plays the game on a square business basis, giving every one an equal break. He loves Kansas and her people, and his every move has been in a direction to bring happiness and prosperity into each and every home. Governor Hodges is the most ardent and earnest worker in the state. He never leaves things to the other fellow, but goes in person and sees that every detail is properly executed.

The colored citizens feel grateful to Governor Hodges for opening avenues to them that have been unjustly closed. The struggling fathers and mothers who have dug and toiled to educate their daughters, for the first time in the state's history, realized that their labor has not been in vain, and the action of Governor Hodges in swinging the door of hope outward to the Negro youth is hailed with great joy, and will serve as an inspiration to spur them on to higher things and make them become more useful citizens.

Yes, the colored people are grateful to Governor Hodges, and when an opportunity presents itself, the fair minded, thinking men and women of the race are going to prove their gratitude in a more substantial way.



Nurses - 1914 KANSAS CITY SCHOOL GRADUATES NURSE

A new feature of the commencement season in Kansas City this year was the graduation of the first class of Negroes from the Nurses' Training School of the City Hospital. Those who have the distinction of being in this class are Misses Mayme Branch Vaughn of Moberly, Bertha Coraune Hanna of Boonville and Marie Vickers of Springfield. On Sunday, May 24, at the Second Baptist Church, an able and forceful Baccalaureate sermon on the subject, "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon," was preached to them by Rev. Samuel W. Bacote, pastor of that church. Besides a soprano solo by Mrs. A. Holmes of Springfield, Mo., the excellent music on this occasion was under the direction of Mrs. S. W. Bacote, particularly beautiful being the chorus, "By the Waters of Babylon," by Coleridge Taylor.

The commencement proper was held at Allen Chapel the evening of Monday, May 25, and was witnessed by a large audience, about one-third of whom were of the white race, comprised mostly of nurses and others connected with the City Hospital. The Master of Ceremonies, Hon. T. M. Fynn, a member of the Hospital and Health Board, was introduced by Dr. Wm. J. Thompkins, who paid him a glowing tribute for his zealous and enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Negro since being connected with the Board, and of their results as shown in the many improvements in the Colored Department of the Hospital during that time. Mr. Fynn proved himself worthy of this tribute by declaring the highest ambition of his administration to be the complete possession of this part of the hospital by Negroes—since, at present, they have only staff officers, nurses and internes, and none of the administrative positions—and asserting his determination to exert himself to the utmost in helping the Mayor to achieve this.

Dr. Thompkins then gave a concise and enlightening sketch of the "History of the Colored Department of the General Hospital." He told of the political conditions that surrounded and really made possible its origin; of some of the difficulties that have been encountered, due both to race prejudice and to political differences, and also gave statistics showing the nature and extent of the work, and the vast amount of good that is being accomplished there. He extolled in highest terms of praise the Hon. W. P. Motley, who, though a Southerner and a Democrat, was really the savior of this department to the Negroes, when he was a member of the Board. Being the official representative of the Hospital and Health Board, Dr. Thompkins was the one best fitted to

give the facts in the development of this institution, and in doing so he was careful to give credit where it was due, expressing a regret that so much incorrect information has been circulated at different times, and particularly on the occasion of the visit of Dr. Booker T. Washington.

when, because of being misinformed by others, he made a serious error concerning the hospital in his speech before the public.

A splendid commencement address was delivered by Rev. H. T. Kealing, president of Western University, and after listening to the oratorical, logical and inspiring treat that held his audience spellbound, each one present felt that the Master of Ceremonies had not erred in proclaiming him second to none, only Booker T. Washington, though the last part might have been omitted.

The music was furnished by the combined choruses of Western University and Allen Chapel, under the leadership of Professor R. G. Jackson, and surpassed even the standard of that unequalled organist and director of the West. A special feature was the inimitable rendition in warbling tones of a solo that made her audience think of her as one of the birds about whom she sang, by that Negro Melba, Miss Effie Grant.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Dr. George Pipkin, Superintendent of the Colored Department of the General Hospital, and the presentation of pins by Miss Harriet Leck, superintendent of nurses.

The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Rev. W. H. Thomas, pastor of Allen Chapel.

OF INTEREST TO NURSES.

Where there is unity there is strength. This saying is as old as the beatitudes and is repeated from time to time, still holding good. By union, in this particular instance of graduate nurses, we will in a more effective way prepare ourselves for our national association.

We the graduate nurses of Alabama met in Decatur May 11th 1914 during the Medical Dental and Pharmaceutical association and organized what is known as The Nurses Association. This association was organized for the purpose of study and research work among the colored graduate nurses, and to enable us to discuss and solve some of the problems that are continually confronting the graduate nurse of today.

The following officers were elected: Miss A. A. Nelson, graduate nurse of T. I. H. now head nurse of Hale Infirmary, Montgomery Ala., president; Miss Roberta Garrett G. N. of Normal Ala., and Providence Hospital, Chicago,

new head nurse of Normal Hospital, vice-president; Miss E. A. Davis, Montgomery Ala., graduate nurse of T. I. H. secretary; Miss C. M. Union Springs Ala., graduate nurse of Cottage Home Hospital, Decatur, Ala., treasurer. Our next annual meeting will be in Anniston Alabama during the

State Medical Association and we hope to have a large number of graduate nurses attend.

The president of the nurses association requests that the name address and place of graduation be sent in to her by July 1st, 1914 in order that she may be able to communicate with each before our next annual meeting, and if you wish to discuss some subject or read a paper please send subject to the president who will turn it over to secretary for publication. Send your communications to Miss A. A. Nelson H. N. Hale Infirmary, 325 Lake St. Montgomery Ala.

Respectfully,

A. A. NELSON,

President.

E. A. DAVIS,

Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES

The Seventh Convention of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will meet in this city August 18th 19th, 20th. The sessions will be held in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church corner Queen and Pulaski streets.

Graduate Nurses are expected from all parts of the country. The session will open on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The meetings will be held each morning at ten o'clock and 2:30 in the afternoon.

The local Nurses Association is asking citizens to co-operate with them in making it a success. All those who can look some of the delegates will kindly leave their names at the office of the Journal and Guide as early as possible.

FOUR ADDITIONAL CITY NURSES ARE APPOINTED

Four young Negro women, graduates of the Lincoln Nurse Registry, Miss Bertha Lewis and Mrs. Cora Winston, 186 West 135th street, Miss Effie Watkins, 833 East 219th street, and Miss Alice Deas of Brooklyn, have been appointed city nurses by the board of health, the young women having passed the nurse's examination held by the city. One hundred and twenty-nine nurses were appointed, many vacancies being

made because numerous white nurses already in the service could not meet the new requirements.

Miss Deas is assigned to contagious diseases and her territory is in Brooklyn. The other three are assigned to milk stations. Miss Watkins is stationed in Eldridge street, Miss Lewis in Division street and Mrs. Winston in Brooklyn.

The nurses supervise the distribution of milk for babies and give mothers directions for preparing the child's food at home, based on its condition. The children are examined and weighed each day and mothers are instructed in how to care for the infants.

Eight colored nurses are now serving as city nurses, four others having been employed for some time.

GRADUATE NURSES

ELECT OFFICERS

The Maryland State Colored Graduate Nurses' Association closed a most successful and inspiring year, at the home of the President, Mrs. Annie S. Johnson. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Mrs. Annie S. Johnson President; Mrs. Florence R. Bennett, vice president; Miss Annie M. Barnes, secretary; Miss Sarah B. Brooks, treasurer. The president, in her report touched upon the work of the nurses in the Women's Cooperative League, the Milk Committee and in the Better Babies' Contest. As in the past year the nurses registry will be held at the home of the president, 2212 Druid Hill avenue, phone Mad. 4539, where any one desiring a nurse can obtain one. In September a very wealthy family, near Wilmington, Del., desiring a colored graduate nurse and assistant, permanently were accommodated thru this Registry. Meetings will be held second and fourth Mondays in each month. A public meeting and demonstration will be held during the winter, date and place to be announced.

NURSES GO TO LITTLE BAY

The Tidewater Nurses Association will go to Little Bay Beach on their annual outing Wednesday, August 5th. The cars will leave Church and Queen Streets at 10 A. M., stopping at Johnson avenue. The fare for adults is 25 cents for children 15 cents. The nurses cordially invite all their friends to accompany them.

YOUNG WOMEN GRADUATE AS TRAINED NURSES

Three to Receive Diplomas from General Hospital

(Special to the Chicago Defender.)
Kansas City, Mo., May 24.—Three nurses will finish at the General Hospital Training School on Monday night, May 25. Sunday the graduating sermon will be preached by Rev. Samuel W. Bacote, D. D., and on Monday night Professor H. T. Kealing, president of Western University, will deliver the commencement address. A history of the General Hospital will be read by Dr. W. J. Thompkins. The graduates will be Misses Mayme Branch Vaughn, Bertha Coune Hanna and Marie Vickers.

CONVENTION OF COLORED NUREES

National Association Held Seventh
Annual Session in Norfolk

This Week

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Mrs. C. Sharpe Morgan of New York City Named as President of the Organization

The seventh annual convention of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses convened in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, corner of Queen and Pulaski Streets, Tuesday of this week and adjourned Thursday afternoon after a successful session.

Mrs. Rosa L. Williams, the president, was unable to be present during the sessions and Miss J. T. Mitchell of Norfolk, first vice president, presided.

Tuesday morning's session consisted largely of devotional exercises, registration and other formalities. At the afternoon session the address of welcome was delivered by Dr. J. E. Mills, and the officers made their annual reports.

There was also an interesting paper, "Wider Obligation of The Nurses," by Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson. Dr. A. B. Green, of Berkley, was present and addressed the body. In speaking of the worth of the colored nurses, he said that they were greatly needed, especially now, to co-operate with the colored physician and work harmoniously together in order that tuberculosis, malaria and other contagious maladies now prevalent among our people may be eradicated.

OUTING TO BUCKROE

On Wednesday the delegates and visitors were given an outing to Hampton Normal School, where they inspected the Dixie Hospital, and Buckroe Beach. An enjoyable day was spent.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mrs. C. Sharpe Morgan, president; Mrs. Vorhees Banks, first vice president; Mrs. Louisa Watkins, second vice president; Miss Lenora Hayes, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Octavia Gilliam Shipping, recording secretary; Mrs. M. L. Kemp, treasurer.

TRAINED NURSES OFFER SERVICES TO FRANCE

Afro-American Women to Go to France to Care for the Fallen in War.

Graduate nurses of this city are to offer their service to the National Red Cross society for service in the European war, preferably the French army. Many of the graduates of Provident hospital are linguists and can be of great service to foreign countries, especially the French. Word has come here from New York City that nurses are needed badly and the young women of the race are going to respond to the call. One nurse who speaks three languages fluently said to a Defender reporter that "she was ready to go."

NURSES CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of Graduate Nurses will convene in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church,

corner of Queen and Mulaski streets, beginning August 18th, ending Aug. 24th. The first session will begin at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. After devotional exercises the payment of annual dues, roll call, etc. At 2:30 p. m. they reassemble. Dr. Jas. E. Mills, will deliver the Welcome address. Mrs. Rosa L. Williams will deliver the President's address. The secretary, Mrs. C. S. Morgan, of New York and Mrs. M. L. Kemp, the treasurer will give their reports. Report of chairman of Ways and Means Committee, Miss Melian Evans will be given. A paper will be read by Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson. Outing to Portsmouth.

On Wednesday morning Miss Mary E. Baltimore will give a talk on her trip to Germany, Mrs. Mary Tucker, of the R. N. Social Service Department, University Hospital, Philadelphia will read a paper.

At the 2:30 session Miss O. R. Waters of Norfolk will read a paper. Miss Josephine Grant, of Colorado Springs, Col., will read a paper on Tuberculosis. Round Table Talk led by Mrs. M. J. Dillard Dendy, of Clinton, S. C.

At the Thursday morning session a paper will be read by the delegate from St. Louis, Mo. Question Box conducted by Mrs. F. A. R. Quinn. A paper will be read by Miss Martha York, of Raleigh, N. C. At the 2:30 meeting Dr. J. J. France, of Portsmouth, Va., will speak. A paper will be read by Miss Lenora Hargraves, of Wilmington, N. C. Remarks by Dr. D. W. Byrd, of Norfolk. Election of officers, Installation of officers, Dr. A. L. Paey, Norfolk, Va., reception.

The session promises to be of great interest not only to the Nurses but to the public at large.

CHICAGO NURSES OFF FOR WAR.

First Batch of Noble Women Are En Route to Battlefield to Succor the Suffering.

Fathers, mothers and friends wept as farewells were said, but not a tear was shed by any of the Red Cross nurses who left Chicago Wednesday to aid the wounded soldiers in Europe. More than 100 American

Type of Chicago Nurses Off to the War.

nurses will sail from New York on Saturday. "The nurses were anxious to go," said the head of one of the largest nursing organizations in the city. "Many who were not selected have been clamoring for places in the next unit which will be sent should a second call be issued." A hundred relatives and friends were present at the La Salle street station and waved farewells to the nurses as the Lake Shore Limited train left for New York at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.



Mrs. Marie E. Thompson Holmes.

In our trip to Oklahoma we stopped at Osawatomie, Kans., and visited the State Hospital. Here we found our young colored lady attendants. For the first time in the history of the state, colored girls have been employed in such institutions. They have made good and the Superintendent speaks highly of them. Governor Hodges and the board deserve great credit for giving these girls an opportunity to put their education into practice and to develop their ability. We hope that her institutions of the state will follow suit and give employment to other members of the race.

may be the providential conclusion of his ministry, the Church is pledged to support him and his loved until God's crowning day.

The Conferences I recently visited programmed their work as follows:

Des Moines, \$100,000; Northwest Iowa

Gov. Hodges Removes Bar on Colored Nurses

First Time in State's History That the Race Has Been Given This Well Earned Recognition..

Colored People are Highly Pleased.

The Topeka Plaindealer 5-8-14. Sometime ago we sounded a note of warning to our people, calling attention to the fact that in order to secure a square deal they must look to the interest of those who respect them and theirs. We want to say that for the first time in the history of Kansas, colored women have been placed in responsible positions as attendants in the state hospitals. Much credit is due Gov. Hodges and the board of control for giving our young women a chance to earn a livelihood as women of other races. This matter was taken up with the Governor several months ago and we thought it no more than right for some members of our race to represent us in these institutions and take care of the colored patients, who will receive better treatment at their hands. The following ladies have been appointed at Osawatomie and if they prove satisfactory, others will be appointed from time to time: Miss Lucile Morgan, Topeka; Miss Nida Franklin, Salina; Miss Lillie Hardwick, Leavenworth. These are the first to pave the way for others to follow.

We are under many obligations to Gov. Hodges for this act and as long as we can find officials who will recognize our race and give them a chance to earn a living and accomplish something as other races, we will support them for any position of honor and trust. The time has now come when the colored voter should support that class of men for office